Disabled population in the country

1217. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED BHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disabled population in the country has touched 10 million mark as per expert's report;

(b) if so, what are the States where disabled population is increasing;

(c) what are the main reasons for such an increase;

(d) whether any concrete plans are being formulated to help and check the increase in disabled population in India; and

(e) whether according to the experts this is the highest rate among the countries?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir. As per National Sample Survey on disabled persons conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1981, there are 12 million persons having locomotor, visual, hearing and speech disabilities Mental disabilities was excluded from the survey;

(b) to (d) The States where disabled population is increasing and the reasons thereof would be known only after the results of 1991 Sample Survey are published.

(c) No authentic information is available.

Funds for SCs/STs Finance Development Corporation

1218. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJU BHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what amount has been earmarked under the Eighth Five Year Plan for funding of the SC/ST Finance Development Corporation and extending self employment loans therefrom;

(b) whether in view of the Pressing demand there is a proposal for increasing the allocation for the corporation under the Plan if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what is estimated number of unemployed educated, uneducated skilled and unskilled workers, able bodied persons belonging to SCs and STs requiring self-employment loans from the said corporations; State-wise and UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Rs. 50 crores have been provided for National SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) in the 8th Five Year Plan for disbursing loans to SC/ST beneficiaries for economic development Schemes including self-employment Schemes.

(b) Yes, Sir. The matter of raising the Plan allocation of NSFDC is under consideration of the Government.

(c) NSFDC takes up self employment Schemes for educated, uneducated, skilled and unskilled workers belonging to SCs and STs on the recommendation of the State Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Corporation and other channelising agencies. The details of assistance provided so far and the details of proposals pending for assistance are enclosed at Annexure (See Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 33].

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

12.00 NOON

I. Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Memorandum of Understanding (1993-94) between Govt. of India (Ministry of Mines) and National Aluminium Company Ltd.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BAL-